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Pursuant to the 25 September letter to the DCI, we have contracted [] to conduct a seminar on alcoholism in the Soviet Union as spelled out in the 22 October letter []

cc: E0/SOVA
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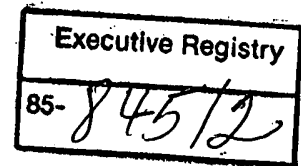
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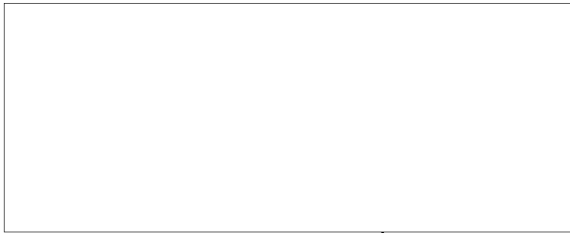
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505



22 October 1985



I am glad that you will be able to conduct the seminar here that we discussed on the telephone. I am attaching a statement of what we would like for you to cover in your talk. Please plan on presenting your main points in about an hour, leaving the second hour for discussion.

I have reserved our conference room for 2-4 PM on Friday, 13 December. You should plan on arriving about 11:30 AM at the main gate of CIA Headquarters, which is off Route 123 in McLean, Virginia. Tell the guard at the gate that [redacted] is expecting you, and ask him to direct you to the main entrance of the building (if you are in a private car instead of a taxi, ask the guard for a visitors' parking pass). When you enter the building go to the main receptionist's desk on the left and call my extension.

As I mentioned on the phone, we want you to have sufficient time to organize your ideas on the subject, so we are planning on your spending four days preparing the talk, in addition to the day in Washington. We will consequently [redacted] which is [redacted] for five days--our highest rate for consultants. We will also reimburse you for transportation, and up to \$75 for meals and lodging the day you are in Washington. Please save

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your receipts. We will do the paper work for your fee while you are here, and a check will subsequently be mailed to you.

In addition to the seminar, we are interested in exploring the possibility of contracting a study on the economic impact of alcohol abuse. If you have time to prepare a proposal for such a paper before coming to Washington we will be happy to evaluate it. A page or two describing the sources and methodology you would use in measuring the economic cost of the alcohol problem would suffice.

If I can be of any assistance before you come to Washington please let me know. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



Chief, Societal Issues Branch

Attachment:
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ATTITUDES TOWARD ALCOHOL ABUSE

1. Professional Opinion. How do experts approach the study of alcohol abuse? How seriously do they regard the problem? What are the chief areas of controversy among researchers--e.g., over the etiology of alcoholism? What are the ideological restraints on research and publication? What are the problems of access to data? Can you tell us anything about classified research and where it is done (e.g., in MVD)?

2. Political actors at lower levels. What are the views and interests of different elites in a position to influence or implement policy--factory managers, law enforcement officials, party apparatchiki? What are the constraints on implementing anti-alcohol measures? How much resistance is there to a comprehensive program for curtailing alcohol abuse?

3. Society at large. Views of different elements of the public? How much concern about the problems? Is concern growing? Among what groups? How much popular support/resistance to anti-alcohol measures is likely? Is the drinking culture impervious to change?

We are more interested in your views on #1 and #2 than on #3. We are also interested in any ideas you have about how these attitudinal questions could be researched further.

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NOTE TO: D/SOVA

Doug:

Please take appropriate action on the attached letter [redacted] regarding his proposal to conduct a study on alcohol abuse in the USSR. Please handle directly if you feel a response is required with a drop copy for the DDI and Executive Secretary.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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September 25, 1985

Director of the CIA
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Several months ago, I submitted a proposal to conduct a study on alcohol abuse in the USSR. My research project on this important problem, which is one of the most serious challenges to the Soviet economy and social order, has included such topics as the incidence of alcoholism, consumption of alcohol, alcohol related crime and juvenile delinquency, the family violence, industrial and military accidents, DWI's, suicide, morbidity and mortality. I also intend to discuss the causes of Russian heavy drinking and societal responses to alcohol abuse. To cover so many important subjects it is necessary to conduct a large comprehensive study, which-according to my estimation-should be about 700 typed pages long. An estimation of the Soviet alcohol related economic losses will be the last section of this manuscript. I expected that the agency would express an interest to such a crucial but still obscure problem.

STAT However, [redacted] from your agency, has informed me that "might be in the future" I would be invited to present a paper on the subject. In other words, she actually turned my project on the comprehensive study, down. I sincerely hope that the CIA will reconsider my proposal. I am an expert in the field and the author of more than hundred publications on the subject.

Please be assured that your kind attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

I remain truly yours,

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February 15, 1985

Director
the CIA
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would your agency be interested in getting information concerning alcohol abuse and alcohol-related problems in the USSR? If your agency is willing to sign a contract with me I will conduct a comprehensive study on such topics as the prevalence of drinking and alcoholism in the Soviet society, crime, juvenile delinquency, mortality and morbidity, suicide, accidents, and economic losses due to alcohol abuse.

I am an expert in the field, a former Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the Moscow University, and currently Professor of Psychiatry at the New York Medical College, the author of 120 publications on the subject.

I shall be glad to furnish an outline and a table of contents of the project upon request.

Very truly yours,

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